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Dear Lederberg:

I hope that you will forgive this delay in answering your letter of October 4th. When your letter came, I was recuperating from an illness that began in September. Almost no mental activity went on for some weeks but I am back to normal now. It was a disappointment to have missed your talk in New York. My father met with an accident and on that day was taken to the hospital for an operation. I remained with my family much of the day.

The enclosed sheets represent the analysis I worked out Saturday night and yesterday to interpret your results as I understand them from your letter. Although it may not be the correct or even desired solution, still it does work according to the understanding I have and the assumptions given in the analysis. It calls for nothing very special in the manner of chromosomal or genetic behavior. There is nothing in the maize work like it that I could use as a model so I can not refer to any work there.

Thank you for writing me about this work. I am thoroughly interested in your investigations and find them stimulating. All good luck with this work.

Sincerely yours,



Barbara McClintock